

## DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR See Distribution

SUBJECT: School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) Training with Subsequent Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Utilization Tour

- 1. Applications are being accepted from officers who desire to participate in the SAMS course 1-250-C11 class 03-001 reporting 16 Jun 03 and completing 21 May 04 conducted at the US Army Command and General Staff College (CGSOC), Fort Leavenworth, KS. In view of Army National Guard (ARNG) increased division level operational missions, each graduate will be assigned as a Title 32 AGR officer in either a Plans or Operations position in the gaining Division.
- 2. The SAMS course teaches military science and theory, military art and doctrine, preparing for war, and joint and combined operations. Studies include the history and scope of war from antiquity to the present, and examine current and future issues of operational concepts and doctrine across the spectrum of conflict. Students are prepared for planning assignments at the division level. The course is arduous and so is the selection process. Graduates are awarded a fully accredited Masters of Military Arts and Sciences Degree.
- 3. The ARNG will support no more than 8 officers in SAMS training. Every State is encouraged to submit applications to arrive at the ARNG Individual Training Branch (NGB-ART-I) not later than 1 Sep 02.
- 4. Full-time support requirement.
- a. Applicants may be in any duty status (AGR, Military Technician or traditional ARNG soldier). However, the applicant, gaining Division, and gaining State must agree to the utilization assignment as a Title 32 AGR. A remark will be entered in NGB Form 64 item 34 confirming that the applicant, gaining Division, and gaining State agree to this condition. Participation in the course obligates that applicant to a follow-on AGR utilization tour in either a Plans or Operations position in the gaining Division.

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- b. The Full-Time Support Division (NGB-ARM) will coordinate the exception utilization process with the gaining Division State. The officer will be assigned as a Title 32 AGR or Military Technician as an additional authorization for the entire period of course work and subsequent utilization tour. Intent of program is assignment of one SAMS graduate per year per ARNG Division; therefore, no division should exceed three officers in designated positions at any time. If the applicant is already full-time status and is projected to be assigned in a different State, the losing State is authorized to backfill the officer commencing with the course start date. If the officer is currently on Title 10 tour, NGB-ARM will coordinate action with ARNG Staff Management Office (NGB-ARZ-T).
- 5. Course prerequisites.
- a. Selected students will be required to complete a distance learning course, A699 Evolution of Military Theory by 1 May 03.
- b. Applicant must be a Major, any source MEL-4 qualified not later than SAMS enrollment (16 Jun 03), with a date of rank not earlier than 1 Jun 99.
  - c. Applicant must possess a baccalaureate degree.
- d. Applicant must be any combat, combat support, or combat service support branch qualified.
- e. Applicant must have a minimum of two years service remaining following course completion, i.e., mandatory removal date (MRD) not earlier than 1 Jun 06, and AGR applicant's basic active service date (BASD) must be not earlier than 1 Jun 86.
- f. Applicant's current clearance will suffice for purpose of application. Selected officers must possess a final Top Secret (TS) clearance with Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) eligibility prior to the class start date..
- g. Applicants must meet AR 135-18 accession standards for soldiers if entering AGR status, or retention standards if currently an AGR member. Applicants who are not currently an AGR member must concurrently initiate an application for AGR status.
- 6. Application and selection procedures.

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- a. States submitting multiple applications will identify applicant's priority on a State order of merit list.
- b. Applications may be submitted by any ARNG member meeting the prerequisites listed in paragraph 5 above through normal channels to NGB, ATTN: NGB-ART-I. However, if the applicant is not a member of the Division HHC in which the follow-on full-time support utilization assignment will occur (see paragraph 1 above), the application must also flow through the gaining Division Headquarters and that Division's State if different from the applicant's State in accordance with paragraph 4a above. At gaining State level, application packets may be routed through the State AGR manager to ensure eligibility for AGR assignment prior to submission to NGB-ART-I.
- c. Upon receipt of SAMS application packets at NGB-ART-I, they will be reviewed for completeness (see para 7 below for list of required documents) and eligibility. Selected packets will be forwarded to the U.S. Army CGSC, ATTN: SAMS, for consideration.
- d. Upon receipt, SAMS representatives will review each applicants file, coordinate testing, and schedule interviews with applicants who meet their criteria. Following this process, SAMS will notify NGB-ART-I which ARNG applicants were selected for SAMS training.
- e. Upon receipt of names from SAMS, NGB-ART will publish the list of officers selected for SAMS training. The NGB-ARM office will coordinate assignment/appointment with the gaining State. For new hires, the effective date of the AGR assignment will be 30 days prior to the course start date, and an additive AGR authorization will be provided the gaining State. Start date for onboard AGR officers is the course report date.
- 7. The items listed below will be included when submitting SAMS applications. Assemble items in the listed sequence and fasten with clips or rubber bands. Do not use tabs, staples, or Acco fasteners, do not place in binders or protective covers.
- a. Applicant's current DA photograph attached to a plain sheet of 8 1/2 by 11-inch white paper with scotch tape.
- b. NGB Form 64 (copy enclosed). Include a remark in item 34 (Remarks) indicating applicant's agreement to serve a utilization assignment upon SAMS completion as specified in paragraph 4a

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above; enter applicant preferred e-mail address in item 34. Units may enter lineout endorsements in item 34 if additional spaces are required. NGB Form 64E found on the NGB Publications Home Page http://55.26.128.248/ may be used.

- c. Copy of applicant's current DA Form 2-1.
- d. Copy of applicant's current DA Form 705 (APFT Scorecard), applicant's height and weight at the time of APFT must be entered in the appropriate blocks. Include copy of DA Form 5500-R (Male) or 5501-R (Female) (Body Fat Composition Worksheet) if recorded height and weight statistics exceed AR 600-9 screening table standards. Include copy of DA Form 3349 (Physical Profile) if the applicant had a permanent or temporary profile at the most recent APFT.
  - e. Medical examination records.
- (1) AGR applicants must meet AR 40-501 chapter 3 medical fitness standards. Submit a copy of DA Form 7349-R (Annual Medical Certificate) based on a medical exam taken after Aug97.
- (2) M-day and military technician applicants must meet AR 40-501 chapter 2 standards. Submit completed SF's 88 and 93 resulting from a medical examination taken since Aug00, include a copy of DA Form 7349-R (Annual Medical Certificate) if the examination is more than 6 months old.
- f. M-day and military technician applicants submit a copy of NGB Form 34-1.
- 8. Point of contact is Harry Gilman, commercial 703-607-7349, DSN 327-7349, e-mail harry.gilman@ngb.army.mil.

FOR THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU:

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NGB FORM 64-E (Replaces NGB Form 64, dated 1 Mar 81, which is obsolete)

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Enclosure